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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Entry and consideration of the following amendment and  
remarks prior to examination are respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows.

22. (Twice Amended) An [The] isolated DNA segment  
[sequence] encoding mammalian GDF-1 protein having an [the]  
amino acid sequence defined in an open reading frame of Figure  
2 or Figure 11A or Figure 11B.

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice and add the  
following new claims.

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